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## **II. Copies of Listed References**

- A. Copies of all references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 are being supplied. Copies of U.S. patents are not included pursuant to Pre-OG Notice dated July 11, 2003.
- B. Copies of all references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 have already been supplied during the prosecution of prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_, from which the present application claims priority pursuant to 35 USC § 120. Therefore, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(d), copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 are not now being supplied.
- C. This application is a PCT national stage application, all references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 were cited in the international search report, and PCT/DO/EO/903 indicates that both the international search report and the copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 are in this national stage file. Therefore, copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 are not now being supplied.

## **III. Concise Statement of Relevance**

- A. All references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 are in the English language, and, therefore, a concise statement of relevance is not required.
- B. All references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 are referred to in the specification and/or were cited in the international search report, and a copy of that search report, which indicates the degree of relevance found by the International Search Authority, is attached.

The Examiner will note that English language counterparts or Abstracts of non-English language references are also enclosed, as follows:

DE 20306801 – No English Abstract available.

DE 10002180 – Abstract provided.

JP2001049208 – Abstract provided.

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JP10149725- Abstract provided.

JP10001583- Abstract provided.

JP9208906- Abstract provided.

JP7150126 – Abstract provided.

JP 5250947 – Abstract provided.

JP 5017727 – Abstract provided.

WO 99/61541 – Abstract provided.

JP 2000200515 – Abstract provided.

DE 20022272 – US counterpart (US 2005/0187967) Abstract provided

- C. All references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 were cited in the search report issued by the \_\_\_\_\_ Patent Office, and an English-language version of that search report, which indicates the degree of relevance found by that Patent Office, is attached.
- D. This application is a PCT national stage application, all references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 were cited in the international search report, and a copy of that search report, which indicates the degree of relevance found by the International Search Authority, is attached.
- E. All listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 were cited during the prosecution of the prior application indicated above under II.B.

#### **IV. Additional Information**

- A. In addition to the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08, Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the following abandoned or co-pending U.S. patent applications:

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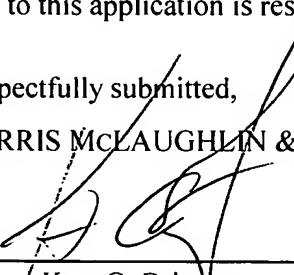
B. In addition of the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08, Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the information provided on the attached sheet.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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	E	EP 1097976 A2	05/09/2001	Nakagawa et al.	
	F	WO 99/35202	07/15/1999	Garcia-Ramirez et al.	
	G	WO 97/05206	02/13/1997	Richardson, et al.	
	H	WO 03/070848 A1	08/28/2003	Koike et al.	
	I	WO 00/71634	11/30/2000	Mamish et al.	
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#### NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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	Y	"Harze, natürliche", Dr. Willem Barendrecht, Leonard J. Lees, Hercules B. V., Den Haag, Netherlands (English translation not enclosed)
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